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Suggested Topics for Discussion with [REDACTED]

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1. In connection with the proposed visit of [REDACTED] to the US in May or June, analysts of the Materials Division are interested in joint discussions of the following topics in addition to the proposed agricultural subjects.

A. The Iron and Steel Industry of the USSR. During his recent trip to Europe, [REDACTED], Chief M/FM, 25X1A9a briefly reviewed the final draft of a [REDACTED] report on this 25X1X7 subject. The report is to be forwarded to CIA in the near future and could serve as the basis of an informal discussion with M/FM personnel.

B. The East German Tin Industry. There have been conflicting reports as to whether or not East Germany is planning to discontinue domestic production of tin. M/FP would be interested in comparing notes with [REDACTED] on the 25X1X7 East German tin industry.

C. Fuel Balance for the Soviet Bloc. [REDACTED] 25X1X7 recently prepared a report on this subject. M/FP is currently evaluating the report and would like an opportunity to discuss methodology and other questions arising from the evaluation study.

D. East German Investment in the Chemical Industry. M/CH would be interested in a discussion of investment plans and trends in the East German chemical industry. M/CH analysts are particularly interested in what areas and in which sectors investment is planned and the physical results the East Germans hope to accomplish as well as the magnitude of the over-all program. M/CH is also interested in discussing the East German plastics industry, particularly with respect to its lag behind [REDACTED] plastics industry.

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